

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

AUGUST 4, 1842.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. GRAHAM submitted the following

REPORT :

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial and accompanying documents of William G. Burges, administrator of Rane C. Ragland, deceased, having considered the same, report :

That one Robert G. Ford, of Florida (as the memorial alleges), in November, 1837, at Tallahassee, sold and delivered to John C. Jones, quartermaster of the 2d regiment of Georgia volunteers, 1,072 pounds of pork, at ten cents per pound, for the use of said volunteers, then in the service of the United States, and gave a receipt therefor, setting forth the use for which it was purchased, the amount due from the United States for the same, to wit : one hundred and seven dollars twenty cents, and that it had not been paid. That said Ford assigned this account to Rane C. Ragland, who afterward died. That William G. Burges, the memorialist, has been duly appointed administrator of said Ragland, and has also obtained a letter of attorney from said Ford to collect said account. That, in pursuance of this authority, he has presented it to the Commissary General of Subsistence, by whom it has been referred to the accounting officers for settlement. That the Third Auditor and Second Comptroller of the Treasury have rejected said account, because no evidence has been adduced showing that the pork mentioned therein was issued as rations to the troops in the service of the United States, although the accounts of Quartermaster Jones have been adjusted.

It appears that Quartermaster Jones is living and residing in the State of Georgia. And the committee are of opinion that this claim has been properly rejected in the absence of the evidence required by the public officers. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

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